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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2008, applicant makes the following election in response to the restriction requirement.

REMARKS

The Examiner has subjected this application to restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner has formed three groups of claims, the first for Group I, directed to claims 1-11 drawn to an alloy, the second for Group II, directed to claims 12-19 drawn to an optical recording medium, and the third for Group III, drawn to claim 20 for a method of making an optical recording medium. The Examiner has asserted that these groups of claims represent distinct inventions and may properly be restricted. Applicants hereby elect

claim Group I directed to claims 1-11 for examination. The restriction requirement is not traversed.

Respectfully submitted,



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